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In re the Application of:

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Examiner: MICHALSKI, Justin

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the prior art- based rejection set forth in the Office Action mailed June 7, 2005.

Claims 1-6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Sadaie (U.S. Patent 5,033,092). This ground of rejection is respectfully traversed.

The present invention is characterized by generating phase differences of 140 degrees to 160 degrees between the left and right signals to prevent sound image of the monophonic signal from localizing in the head of the listener who is located between left side surround sound source and right side surround sound source. The present invention solves the problem where the listener who is located between left side surround sound source and right side surround sound source and distances between the listener and these sources are the same. If the distance between the listener and the left side surround sound source and the other distance between the listener